SHORT & DIGNIFIED NEWSLETTER

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HSC news: Mid-May is definitely out; June 1 is out. The current target date is June 15, maybe a few days earlier. The plan is to release the report and the volumes at the same time. We expect about 20 more volumes, with maybe a bit more than half on JFK; the rest is MLK.

I am assured that all that is holding things up is editing - correcting transcripts, etc. It does seem odd that such a task has been entrusted to 3 generals (Blakey, Cornwell, and Billings) and, reportedly, just one soldier. Things could be happening behind the scenes. Some staffers were said to be in no hurry to let the Mafia read the evidence. (But, I hear no reports of Justice Department activity.) Also, perhaps the HSC is not letting the agencies outwait them on declassification problems.

Tony Summers advises that JFK vols. 1-5 can be ordered from the GPO (DC 20402), for $26.50 total. A helpful person is Debbie Harris, 202-275-3030.

Vol.	Serial No.	Cost	Days covered	Pages
1	052-070-04903-1	$5.25	6-8 Sep 1978	567
2	052-070-04904-9	4.75	11-15 Sep	536
3	052-070-04905-7	5.50	18-21 Sep	751
4	052-070-04906-5	5.00	22, 25 Sep	~~(on loan - 596+ pp.)~~ 608
5	052-070-04907-3	6.00	27-28 Sep, 29 Dec	724

Clippings:

1. 29 Apr 79 SFChron [1 p.] "A mole within the CIA?" (Nobile interview of Marchetti)
2. 7-11 May 79 SFChron [About 10 pp.] Excerpts from "Defector's Mistress: The Judy Chavez story" (Nothing sensational)
3. ** 14 May 79 Inquiry [5 pp.] "Kennedy Ass'n Cover-up" (Peter Dale Scott)

Noted but not read: "Badge of the Assassin" (Dutton), by Bob Tanenbaum; tells how he, Cliff Fenton, and Ken Klein [all later with the HSC] solved a 1971 cop killing in New York. This may tell us something about how these guys think.

Bizarre: Raymond Lee Harvey, Oswaldo Espinoza, and the alleged L.A. plot against Carter. Sounds like someone has been reading too much McDonald. Informative clips on this incident would be welcome.

P.S. on HSC: I have been given the impression that there will be much good stuff in the volumes, but that I might be disappointed in "intelligence" areas.

Hi mom: Note photo of short & undignified critic behind Witt's umbrella (4 HSC ~~435~~ 444).